

Plagiarism ...what's that?

Plagiarism is stealing ideas. Stealing is wrong.

Everyone knows that stealing is taking something that is not theirs; we know it is wrong to steal. Using someone else's words or ideas without telling everyone where the words came from is a form of stealing called **plagiarism**.



Remember...

You are the one doing the learning, so you **must** do your own thinking!

Become famous ... but give credit where credit is due!

- Understand the assignment
- Choose a topic that interests **you**
- Trust your own words ... share your own "voice"
- Make in-between deadlines so you don't leave everything until the end
- Cite as you go. Write down where you find information when you find it
- Have your teacher or parent read your unfinished paper and make suggestions ... that is *not plagiarism*
- **Always** include a bibliography with your project
- Remember: When in doubt, **CITE**



Remember...

Doing
your own work is
rewarding!



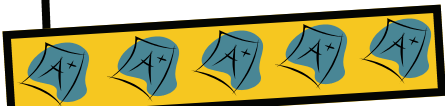
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► What is
PLAGIARISM
anyway?



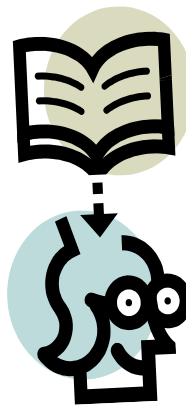
► Examples of Plagiarism

- Putting your name on other people's work (including using a paper or sentences from the Internet and pretending it is your writing)
 - Cutting/pasting text from the Internet without citing
 - Not giving proper credit to someone else's words and ideas
 - Using your friend's, brother's or sister's old project
 - Changing only a few words, sentences, or phrases and saying they are your own
- ◆ You **must** use quotation marks when copying exactly someone's words, sentences, phrases, etc.
- ◆ Be sure to **use your own voice!**



You need to cite:

- Someone else's words or ideas from any source
- Exact words or phrases copied from anywhere
- Reprints of graphics, photographs, charts, etc.
- Ideas and quotes from interviews and emails
- Information paraphrased, copied or summarized
- See samples at <http://www.liunet.edu/cwis/cwp/library/workshop/citmla.htm>



You don't need to cite:

- Your own experiences, observations, ideas, or conclusions
- Your own experimental results
- Common Knowledge (see below)

Information is probably **Common Knowledge** if...

- It is a fact people already know
- It is in the public domain, such as folklore
- You could find the same information in at least five other places

Plagiarism is stealing.



There are

Consequences

Consequences for dishonesty:

- Not learning the skills you need to succeed
- Student's parent or guardian will be contacted by the teacher and/or principal
- Having to write an entirely new paper
- Receiving no credit for the assignment



Remember...

Plagiarism is morally and ethically wrong!

Citing makes your work stronger!